

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನೀವು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ.

(ಗೊಂದಲ)

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಎಷ್ಟು ವಂಶತ್ವವಾದ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಅವರು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ? ಶ್ರೀ ಮೊಯಿ ನುದ್ದೀನ್‌ರವರೇ, ನೀವು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ.

Sri. Mohamad Moinuddin.—My only concern is that let the people of Karnataka enter the 21st century in plenty without poverty. Our optimum utilisation of surplus water available in the State is only 48% of the total irrigation potential of 55 lakh hectares. For the last 37 years we are in a position to have irrigation only for 25 lakh hectares and we are yet to utilise water for 30 lakh hectares. At the present rate of Rs. 40,000/- per hectare we need Rs. 12,000 crores for full utilisation of irrigation potential. Apart from this there are 35,000 tanks out of which 20,000 tanks need permanent restoration. That needs about Rs. 400 crores and maintenance apart requires 2,200 crores. The total amount we need for full utilisation of irrigation potential would be 15,000 crores to be raised within 15 years. How could this be met? Now imagine the gravity of the situation. We need Rs. 15,000 crores for irrigation and we need Rs. 34,000 million tonnes of foodgrains over and above what we produce now, to enter the 21st century. The problem is so gigantic we cannot just imagine.

I would like to give few suggestions to the hon. minister for raising Rs. 15,000 crores which we need. I would request him to consider these suggestions in the context of the magnitude of the problem.

Sri, we have dispensed with the imposition of betterment levy. Now there is no other alternative unless we reimpose that levy on the area already developed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಕುಮಾರ್.—ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಆಡಳಿತ ಭಾಷೆಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿ ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ಅವರ ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿರೋಧಿ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ನಾನು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಹೊರಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು ಸಭೆಯಿಂದ ನಿರ್ಗಮಿಸಿದರು)

Sri Mohammed Moinuddin.—I was suggesting to the hon. minister some ways and means to raise Rs. 15,000 crores. As I said you have to reimpose betterment levy on the land already developed. Secondly, let us float 'Irrigation Bonds' over a period of 15 years and the interest could be adjusted to future water rates to be received from the concerned beneficiaries. We can also float 'Debentures' for medium and minor irrigation projects. Why I am suggesting this is, whatever we get from the World Bank we cannot use it for medium and minor projects. If we use, they will impose all sorts